

# Wisconsin Pipe Trades

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada or "UA," as it is commonly known, is a multi-craft union whose members are engaged in the fabrication, installation and servicing of piping systems. There are approximately 330,000 highly-skilled United Association members who belong to over 300 individual local unions across North America.



**Sprinklerfitter/Steamfitter**

The United Association along with The Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards and The Mechanical Contractors Association of Wisconsin (MCAW) have teamed together with the Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association to bring the Veterans in Piping (VIP) Program to the State of Wisconsin. The program is designed for men and women veterans who want to work in the pipe trades and those who aspire to become plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, sprinklerfitters, welders/fabricators or HVAC service technicians



Today's Wisconsin Piping Trades individual has the knowledge and skills that will enable him or her to work and excel on projects ranging from residential to large industrial. Each Wisconsin Piping Trade individual will be taught the necessary skills to become a successful Wisconsin Pipe Trade Associate. Each individual is successfully taught the safest

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## ***Putting American Veterans into Piping Apprenticeships***

The Veterans in Piping (VIP) Program has been brought back to the State of Wisconsin. VIP can provide a positive re-entry into civilian life with the opportunity of a long-term lucrative career opportunity within the Piping Trades. The United Association has been training qualified pipe tradesmen longer than anyone else in the industry. The UA boasts the most comprehensive training programs available in the industry today, including five-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyman training, organized instructor training, and certification programs.



**Welder/Fabricator**



**Pipefitter/Steamfitter**

### **The Sacrifice**

The men and women of the UA's VIP Program will complete a total of 18 weeks of a structured training. The training will consist of 6 weeks of classroom made up of 4 days a week /10 hours each day. Then there will be up to 12 weeks of On the Job Training (OJT). VIP Candidates will receive an opportunity to work directly for an approved participating Union Contractor.

### **High Unemployment**

Veterans are facing high unemployment rates. The unemployment rate is extremely high for returning Veterans between the ages of 18 - 24 years of age. Non-Veterans the unemployment rate is even higher.

### **Military to Civilian Life**

Veterans face the challenge of transferring military skills to civilian workforce. Though many benefit and support systems are available to veterans, veterans are often overwhelmed with complications to navigate through the programs, and many veterans find it difficult to complete.

### **Success in Training**

United Association Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry and the US military have partnered to create the VIP Program. This program provides returning veterans, veterans and disabled veterans with 18 weeks of accelerated training in the pipe trades.

### **Employment Opportunities**

Through the structured training VIP program, each VIP candidate will have the opportunity to perform for an approved contractor.

### **Cost to Veterans**

There is no cost to veterans for the training. The training is free for veterans. All the training funding is provided by UA's International Training Fund. BAS will provide the veteran aid in lodging costs. This will provide the Veteran the opportunity to completely focus on the new career opportunity learning objectives.



**HVAC Service Technician Training for Veterans**

### **What the Veteran Brings to the Program**

- Integrity
- Formal structure for teamwork environments
- Provides diversity
- Integrity that employers look for
- Respect for all procedures
- Structure in working under pressure
- Excellent Learning Curve



**Plumber**

### **Instruction Breakdown**

#### **6 Weeks of Class Room Instruction**

- UA History/Standard for Excellence
- Construction Safety/OSHA 10
- Pipe Trades Mathematics I & II
- First Aid/CPR
- Use & Care of Tools
- Pipe, Fittings, Valves & Supports
- Pipe Joining I & II
- Crane Signaling/Basic Rigging
- Introduction to Welding and Oxy-Fuel Cutting

#### **Up to 12 Weeks of On the Job Training**